

## Gresham

### Gresham Butte Saddle Trail

After a hike through Gresham's largest natural area with its mature forest and abundance of wildlife, this walk follows the Springwater Corridor Trail through the original Gresham town site and by three wooded cemeteries where Gresham's pioneers are buried.

Begin at the dead-end of 19th Drive off Towle Avenue. Walk east 1.25 miles through the Gresham Butte Natural Area along old logging roads. Volunteers have cleared out non-native species and planted salal, sword fern and vine maple.

Leave the trail at Meadow Court at 19th Street. Walk to 19th and turn left, following 19th to Regner Road. Turn left on Regner, following it to its intersection with the Springwater Corridor Trail. Turn left and walk along the trail. It intersects Main Avenue in Main City Park, the site of the original town that developed around Johnson Creek. For a side trip to historic downtown Gresham, turn right on Main and cross Powell Boulevard where you'll find restaurants and shops.

Continue on the Springwater Trail to Walters Road. Here, along the banks of Johnson Creek are pioneer cemeteries – Gresham Pioneer Cemetery, founded in 1859; and Escobar Cemetery, founded in 1914. The White Birch Cemetery, on the west side of Walters Road, was founded in 1888. From the cemeteries, continue on the trail to Towle Road. Exit the trail and walk south on Towle to 19th Drive. Turn left on 19th to return to the starting point.

3.7 miles

7814 steps

difficulty

45.483, -122.447

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### Gresham Trivia

Gresham's many buttes are Boring Lava domes, formations created from eruptions that occurred between 100,000 and 6,000,000 years ago as the Portland Basin was pulled apart by tectonic forces. Rocky Butte and Mount Tabor in Portland are also Boring Lava domes.

In Gresham Pioneer Cemetery is the grave of Miyo Iwakoshi, believed to be the first Japanese person to live in Oregon. She and her Scottish husband built a sawmill east of Gresham and named the new settlement Orient, to honor her heritage. Orient exists today. Gresham's pioneer cemeteries are managed by Metro as active facilities. Public inquiries are welcome concerning gravesite selection, and other services. Metro also maintains burial records for use by family historians and genealogists. Visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries) for more information.



Gresham Pioneer Cemetery





